(c) and (d) In discharge of its functions, TRAI has to frame various Regulations and make recommendations based on a clearly defined consultation process involving various stakeholders. TRAI also issues orders and directions in discharge of its functions of regulating the Telecom Sector.

During consultation process, presentations are required to be made to high level officials of Government and Ministers as Government is one of the stakeholders. During the last one year, presentations were given on various issues like Licensing, sharing of spectrum and Unsolicited Commercial Calls etc.

(e) The matter is presently not under active consideration of the Prime Minister's Office.

Waiting list for landline connection in Himachal Pradesh

3847. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people in Himachal Pradesh are giving priority to landline telephone connection as there is waiting list of around 30,000 applicants for landline connection whereas there is no waiting list for mobile and WLL connection;

(b) if so, the exchange-wise details of the waiting list;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government to encourage the people to get mobile and WLL connection and to reduce the waiting list for landline connection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. People of Himachal Pradesh are taking fixed as well as mobile connections. With the provision of over 12,000 fixed [landline & wireless in Local Loop (WLL)] connections, waiting list for fixed telephone connections has come down to 25,657 as on 31.03.2007 from 35,837 as on 31.03.2006. There is no waiting list for mobile connections as these are available on demand.

(b) Waiting list as on 31.03.2007 (Secondary Switching Area-SSA wise) in Himachal Pradesh is given below:—

Sl.No.	Name of SSA	Waiting List
1.	Shimla	1,187
2.	Solan	1,468
3.	Dharamsala	10,649
4.	Hamirpur	9,819
5.	Mandi	2,264
6.	Kullu	270
	TOTAL:	25,657

(c) Yes, Sir. BSNL has taken steps to encourage people to get mobile, WLL and landline connections. Landline waiting list has reduced to 25,657 from 35,837.

(d) In order to increase the capacity of mobile and WLL equipment as well as to cover additional areas, 125 Mobile Base Transceiver Stations (BTSs) and 41 WLL BTS were installed in Himachal Pradesh during the year 2006-07. Net addition in mobile and WLL connections was 2,83,050 and 12,917 respectively during the year 2006-07. During 2007-08, BSNL plans to provide 35,000 WLL and 3,50,000 Mobile connections in Himachal Pradesh.

Cable laying scam in Bihar

3848. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had ordered any enquiry into the cable laying scam under Nalanda Telephone Exchange, Bihar Sharif Division, Bihar which has not been laid at approved depth;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the erring officials;